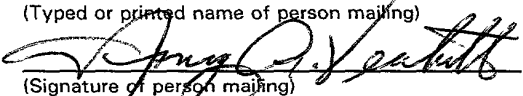


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:


Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment with the continuation-in-part application filed herewith. Applicants first thank the Examiner for the interview granted November 15, 2001, in the parent application (Serial No. 09/572,808, filed May 17, 2000). At the interview, Feldmeier et al. (U.S. Patent 6,048,558) was discussed. Although no agreement was reached, Applicants proposed to amend the claims to exclude the essential element (i.e., anti-fogging agent ) of Feldmeier et al. and to add a more specific stability limitation. In this continuation-in-part application, Applicants have made such changes. Changes similar to the changes presented in the May 1, 2001, Amendment in the parent case have also been made in the present application. Applicants respectfully consideration of the claims.

A restriction requirement was issued in the parent application. In order to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants, assuming a similar restriction requirement is issued, would elect without traverse claims 1-12 directed to the kit while reserving the right to present claims 13-17 to the pizza crust and claims 18-23 to another kit in one or more separate applications at the appropriate time.

Respectfully submitted,

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